

Enclosure 3

EPA December 2009 Identification of ARARs Letter

Regulations, Guidance, Etc. Determined Not to be ARARs

Regulation	Citation	Identified by LWG	Identified by DEQ	Applicability/Relevance and Appropriateness
State of Oregon Requirements				
Oregon Environmental Cleanup Law – Current and reasonably likely land and beneficial water uses	OAR 340-122-0030(6) and -0085(6).	No	Yes – Applicable as action specific requirement	Under Oregon's cleanup law, DEQ makes administrative beneficial water use determinations. Such administrative decisions are less stringent than CERCLA statutory and regulatory requirements, thus, are not ARARs.
Removal-Fill in Oregon Essential Indigenous Anadromous Salmonid Habitat -	ORS 196.810 (1)(b) OAR 141-102	No	Yes – Applicable as action specific and location specific requirement	The regulations provide for how essential indigenous and anadromous salmonid habitat is designated and requires DSL to consult with Fish and Wildlife in authorizing any dredge or fill activity in such areas. EPA is coordinating cleanup decisions with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department through the TCT and ODFW's participation on the Trustee council. EPA as a matter of policy coordinates and consults with NMFS under Section 7 of the ESA related to critical habitat for listed species and the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Act related to essential fish habitat. Insufficient information has been provided on what substantive requirement, criteria, or limitation these regulations contain.
Oregon Threatened or Endangered Wildlife Species – Incidental Take Permits	ORS 496.171-192 OAR 635-100-0170	No	Yes – Applicable as action specific and location specific requirement	Per Section 121(e) of CERCLA, no federal, state, or local permit is required for on-site response actions.

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Lower Willamette River Management Plan	Lower Willamette River ORS 273.045 OAR 141-080-0105	No	Yes – Relevant and Appropriate as action and location specific requirement	Hazardous waste cleanups are exempt from the plan and all of the General or provisional conditions for permits are waived. The plan provides guidance for DSL in deciding to permit certain uses of submerged lands. However, DSL can waive or make decisions inconsistent with the plan. In addition, the plan does not provide substantive criteria or requirements for conducting cleanups that are not otherwise required by other state or federal laws.
Classification of Water as to Highest and Best Use – Willamette Basin Program	ORS 536.300, 340 <u>et seq.</u> OAR 690-502 <u>et seq.</u>	No	<u>To be Considered:</u> regarding beneficial uses and selection of remedial action.	The identified regulations relate to policies and designated uses for purposes of allowing water to be appropriated, e.g., used by a third party. None of the alternatives for the FS is likely to need to use Willamette River water or groundwater in performing the cleanup. If an alternative were to include the need to extract groundwater or river water as part of a treatment process or other remedial purpose, some of the policies stated and potentially consideration of the classifications for the main stem of the lower Willamette River may be relevant and appropriate or applicable. However, under current circumstances there does not appear to be any substantive criteria, requirements, or limitations set forth in the regs. as a general matter to rise to the level of a TBC.
Guidance for Identification of Hot Spots DEQ, 1998	Oregon Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Rules OAR 340-122 <u>et seq.</u>	No	<u>To be Considered:</u> in selection of remedial action methodologies.	DEQ's current regulations that define what a hot spot is for sediment and surface water has been identified as an ARAR. This guidance seems out of

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				date, issued prior to the latest regulations and does not add any substantive standards.
Guidance for Conducting Beneficial Water Use Determination at Environmental Cleanup Sites. DEQ, 1998	Oregon Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Rules OAR 340-122 <u>et seq.</u>	No	<u>To be Considered:</u> in risk assessment and selection of remedial action methodologies.	DEQ regulations that authorize DEQ cleanup program to determine beneficial uses of groundwater is less stringent than CERCLA.
Guidance for Consideration of Land Use in Environmental Remedial Actions DEQ, 1998	Oregon Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Rules OAR 340-122 <u>et seq.</u>	No	<u>To be Considered:</u> in risk assessment and selection of remedial action methodologies.	Insufficient information provided that illustrates that this guidance provides any standards or criteria that is not already covered by one or more of EPA's guidances on land use issues.
State Harbor Line Statue	ORS 778.085	Yes – Applicable as action and location specific requirement	No <sup>i</sup>	DEQ did not identify these statute as ARAR, and insufficient information otherwise has been submitted.
<b>Other Criteria, Advisories, Guidance and To be Considered Initiatives<sup>ii</sup></b>				
Watershed Management and Enhancement and the Oregon Plan	ORS 541	Yes	No	DEQ did not identify this statute as ARAR. Insufficient information provided as to what substantive standard or criteria the law contains that is relevant to Portland Harbor cleanup.
Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish Wit	www.critfc.org/text/TPRP.htm	Yes	NA	The plan is a tribal document. Insufficient information has been provided regarding what substantive criteria, standards or requirement such documents contains that may be relevant or well-suited for the Portland Harbor cleanup.

<sup>i</sup> Note: The State of Oregon specifically declined to include the State Harbor Line Statue (ORS 778.085) as an ARAR.

<sup>ii</sup> Note: The State of Oregon specifically declined to include City of Portland Greenway Code (PCC 33.440) and Flood Hazard Area (PCC 24.50) as ARARs.